(a) whether no action has so far been taken for purchasing hand trolleys at Sardar Patel International Airport in Gujarat; and

(b) by when the hand trolleys will be replaced in view of their bad condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Order for supply of 250 trolleys has already been placed by Airports Authority of India in April 2002. Delivery of the trolleys is expected by October-November, 2002.

Security At IGI Airport

†1340. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-items whcih appeared on 22nd June, 2002 in Rashtriya Sahara captioned "I.G.I. se udan bharne wale wiman aasani se atankvadion ka nishana ban sakte hain".

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to ensure security at all the airports of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the news report states that as National Highway (NH-8) is adjacent to the Indira Gandhi International Airport and height of the perimeter wall is not sufficient, people tend to gather around this place posing a threat to aircaft operations-landing, taking off and refuelling. While it is true that aircraft landing and taking off can be seen from NH-8, there is no refuelling location close to NH-8. To ensure safety and security of aircraft at the IGI Airport, Government has issued orders prohibiting gathering/assembling of people/Vendors/vehicles at a stretch of 250 mtrs. back and forth on both sides of NH-8. To ensure adherence to prohibitory orders further arrangements have been made for patrolling of the perimeter wall.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The height of the perimeter wall is as per the laid down standard.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to ensure the safety of all the airports in the country, *inter-alia* include:

(i) Surveillance and patrolling of the perimeter wall.

(ii) Stricter access control and through pre-embarkation security checks.

(iii) Deployment of CISF and Quick Reaction Teams (QRT)

(iv) Screening of baggage.

IA Flights on New Delhi-Jabalpur-Gwalior Route

†1341. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian airlines have stopped its flights IC-437 and IC-438 which were operated on New Delhi-Jabalpur route *via* Gwalior;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce these flights once again; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Appointment of CMD in AI

1342. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India continues to be without a permanent CMD inspite of the urgent need to boost the management of the airlines, which is incurring losses; and

(b) if so, what are the Government's plans to appoint a CMD to this airlines?

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